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THE VOICE OF Mackenzie Thorpe Centre

NEWSLETTER | 2024

WELCOME

Autumn Term 2024

Important dates:

PD Day – school closed for pupils
Monday 6th January

School reopens –
Tuesday 7th January

School breaks up for half term –
Friday 21st February

Whole school events:

National Lego Day – 28th January

Chinese New Year – 29th January

Time to Talk day – 6th February

Children's Mental Health Week – 3rd - February.

Stand up to Bullying Poster competition 14th February.

Community Police Session.

What an amazing half term we have had...

Another successful and very productive half term for our learners, from cookery, trips out, project work and careers day we've all been very busy!

Here's some highlights from each class.

Purple Class





Green Class



Orange Class





Red Class





Yellow Class





Blue Class





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you said we did

In the last Student Council Meeting, learners voted for the following actions:

- New playground equipment.
- A range of trips and outings.
- Different food options.
- Toys and books.

We have ordered a range of toys and books specifically for learners' interests.

We visit a large range of places this includes horse riding, soft plays, mini golf, museums and sensory rooms.

The lunch menu is continuously expanding and the cook is asking learners what their preference is and what they would like to see.

Local contacts for safeguarding:

Redcar & Cleveland Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH)
Telephone - 01642 130700
Email - RedcarMACH@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Middlesbrough Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH)
Telephone - 01642 726004
Email - MiddlesbroughMACH@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Children In Need:

This half term we had a fundraising day for Children In Need, this involved a bake sale where learners and staff baked a range of lovely cakes and some learners in red class also took part in a sponsored car wash. The bake sale raised £73.20, and the car wash raised £50, a total of £123.20.

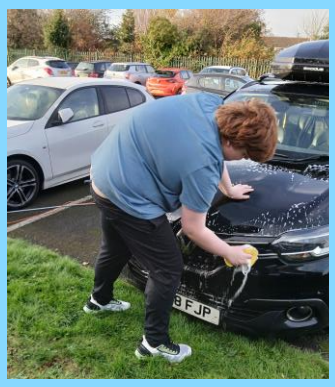
The learners had a great day, and money was raised for charity, well done to everyone involved!













Careers Day:

At Mackenzie Thorpe Centre we are always striving for best possible outcomes for all our learners. This half term some of our older students took part in a career's day activity with career wave. They had a brief assembly and then 1:1 personal development meeting. This gave them the opportunity to see what other options are available for them after school. Our learners engaged really well with this day and their meetings.



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Autism friendly Christmas events

From quiet grottos to relaxed panto performances venues are providing autism friendly Christmas sessions in the run up to Christmas.

This includes:

- Metro Centre- Santas elf academy first half hour of Thursday and Sunday sessions.
- Dalton Park every Sunday 11am-12pm.
- Cherry Hill Garden Centre – SEN Christmas Events.
- Relaxed Panto Performances 2nd January – Sunderland Empire.
- The Hullaballoo – Darlington – 23rd December.

The full list of events and activities is available on the NEAS website.

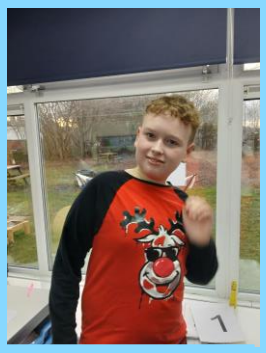
We hope our learners and their families have a lovely relaxing Christmas Holidays.

Christmas Activities:

December has been full of a range of fun Christmas activities, treats and trips. Learners have enjoyed Pyjamas, movie day, crafts, decorating the tree, Christmas dinner day and trips out. We have loved getting into the festive spirit with the learners and they have embraced each activity.











We hope all our learners have a lovely Christmas below is a range of resources provided by NEAS with Christmas activities and Christmas support if you need it.

Family resources Christmas resources

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Student Work:

Pupils in blue class have also been working hard on projects this half term.

One of the learners has created his own characters including stitch and mickey mouse and has made his own movie using the characters.

He has planned, built the theatre and made movie snacks alongside making the characters. We are so proud of his work!



Student Work:

Our students work so hard every week to achieve some amazing targets and work, this is sometimes out in the community, within independent living skills or educationally.

This half term purple class have been working so hard on creating their own pillows, they have designed, measured, shopped for equipment and materials and made the finished product. Some included topics of their interest, some were designed in different shapes and some used tie dye to decorate their pillows. Here is some of their work.









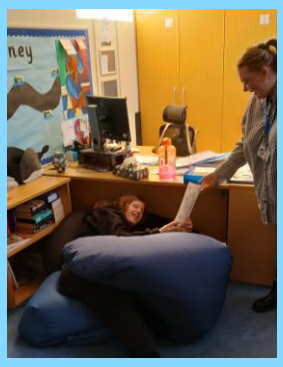


Celebration!

This term two of our learners have passed their NOCN qualification in skills for employment, training and personal development.

Well done Lukus and Alfie, you have done amazing!!





We hope our learners have a lovely break and we are looking forward to seeing them in January for another busy term.